

**William Carroll to Andrew Jackson, January 7, 1833,  
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Nashville, January 7, 1833.

*My dear Sir,* I wrote you a note in haste answering your last letter, in which I believe I stated that I could organize and march at a moments warning eight or ten thousand volunteers against South Carolina, should a military movement become necessary. My meaning was that I have in the State Arsenal muskets, swords, and pistols, and artillery sufficient to arm that number of men, and that I would take upon myself the responsibility of using them if the emergency required it. As Chief magistrate of the State, you will never find me avoiding responsibility, when the Union is assailed, either by a foreign or domestic enemy. I shall not stop to enquire whether the State has passed a law or not authorizing me to use the Arms.

It will be sufficient for me to know, that our happy form of government is in danger, and I will endeavour to contribute my mite towards its preservation. The conduct of South Carolina is so univer[s]ally deprecated in Tennessee that if it was necessary, forty thousand men would march to put down her revolutionary movements. I have only again to say, that you can command my services on a moments notice, and if you deem it in any respect necessary for me to revisit Washington for any purpose, you will be promptly obeyed.

Still hoping that the unpleasant difficulty with South Carolina will be amicably adjusted, and that you may enjoy health and happiness,

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I am, dear Sir, Respectfully your friend